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KC) LOURENCO MARQUES 625 (NOTAL); (D) LOURENCO MARQUES 606 (NOTAL)

1. AM CONCERNED THAT CODEL DIGGS' ATTENDANCE AT MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS COULD END IN SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING IF MODALITIES AND LOGISTICS ARE NOT QUICKLY STRAIGHTENED OUT. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, USG NOT INVITED TO SEND OFFICIAL DELEGATION AND MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT/FRELIMO ARE HANDLING ALL INVITATIONS, ACCOMMODATIONS AND LOCAL PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUAL INVITEES. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED INVITATIONS HAVE NO RECOGNIZED STATUS AND NO GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATIONS OR PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONIES, AS ALL ARRANGEMENTS BEING HANDLED DIRECTLY BY MTG/FRELIMO.

2. REF A HAS INFORMED US FOR FIRST TIME THAT CODEL CONSISTS OF PARTY OF FOUR. UNTIL THIS MOMENT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED ONLY OF CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' ATTENDANCE AND WE UNAWARE WHETHER ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF CODEL HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS NO ABILITY TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUESTED PARA 4, REF A. ALL INVITEES ARE ASSIGNED HOTEL SPACE BY INDEPENDENCE COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS REQUISITIONED ALL ACCEPTABLE HOTELS.

3. AS REPORTED (REF B), JUNE 10 REGULATION PUBLISHED BY MTG FORBIDS ENTRY INTO MOZAMBIQUE BETWEEN JUNE 12 AND JUNE 30 OF TOURISTS AND OTHER VISITORS WHO DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC PERMISSION FROM MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. (CONGEN COULD ATTEMPT OBTAIN SUCH PERMISSION BUT RECOMMEND ALTERNATIVE METHOD PARA 5 BELOW.)

4. RE TRANSPORTATION, WE NOTE THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS HAS CHANGED ITINERARY SO AS TO ARRIVE FROM JOHANNESBURG ON SA-140 JUNE 24. QUICKEST METHOD OF ASCERTAINING WHETHER OR NOT FOUR SEATS AVAILABLE ON THAT FLIGHT IS THROUGH AMCONGEN JOHANNESBURG. SUGGEST JOHANNESBURG DO SO SOONEST AND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT. ASSUMING THERE ARE FOUR SEATS ON SA-140, WE STILL HAVE PROBLEM THAT UNTIL NOW AT LEAST AIRLINES NOT ACCEPTING ANY RESERVATIONS OUT OF LOURENCO MARQUES ON JUNE 26.

5. RE COMPOSITION OF CODEL, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WERE TO TELEPHONE OR CABLE DIRECTLY TO PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO WHO IS HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 742091 (RPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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URWPOQLM HIS CHIEF AIDE IS MANUEL DOS SANTOS WHO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ALSO MET DURING HIS JANUARY VISIT. CALL OR CABLE WOULD SERVE TO CLARIFY NUMBER AND STATUS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF DIGGS PARTY.

6. RE TRANSPORTATION, BELIEVE BEST WAY OF INSURING ADHERENCE TO ITINERARY, REF A, IS TO CHARTER PLANE FROM JOHANNESBURG TO BRING CODEL HERE AND TAKE IT BACK ON JUNE 26TH. SUGGEST

JOHANNESBURG LOOK INTO THIS IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM DEPARTMENT.
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